

SOYA – SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION & LANDSCAPE RESTORATION



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Guruè District, Zambézia Province, Zambezi Valley, **Mozambique**

Estimated Budget : USD 8M

Sectors : Agriculture / Soybean value chain



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Context

Guruè District is home to approximately 4,400 soybean producers, representing one-fifth of all producers in Mozambique. Despite its agricultural potential, the district faces unequal access to improved seeds, insufficient extension services, limited credit access, high transport costs due to poor road infrastructure, and a lack of international certifications. The expansion of soybean cultivation drives deforestation, habitat conversion, soil degradation, and agrochemical contamination, threatening the miombo woodland ecosystems of the Zambezi Valley, a strategic water reserve for Southern Africa. Shifting cultivation with uncontrolled burning further accelerates biodiversity loss.



Objectives

- To implement Voluntary Biodiversity Commitments (IUCN, 2021) in Guruè soybean Value Chains.
- To raise awareness among producers, companies, and communities about the importance of biodiversity for economic and environmental sustainability in Guruè
- To adopt best production practices in the soybean value chain in Guruè
- To conserve biodiversity in the soybean value chain in Guruè
- To promote joint community-private-government engagement for sustainability in the soybean value chain in Guruè.
- To improve the living conditions of communities through sustainable production in the soybean value chain in Guruè



Institutions : Guruè District Administration & SDAE, Zambézia Province

Local actors: ~4,000 smallholder households, family farmers, medium and large producers (Hoyo-Hoyo, AGROMOZ), cooperatives and associations

Private sector : MANMART (anchor company, outgrower model)

Technical support: CLUSA, WorldVision, AGRICOM (inputs), COPAZA/SBS (seeds), NGOs (training & monitoring)

Partners : AFD, WWF, UICN, EF

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FUNDING

COORDINATION

IMPLEMENTATION